

COMMUNICATION.

THE 'VARSITY QUESTION.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

Let us now look at another side of the question. Mr. Lochhead was so fond of quoting statistics, I will do likewise. The number and certificates of teachers in our Collegiate Institutes and High Schools is a good criterion by which to judge the relative standing of our university. I will refer my readers to pages 318-323 of the report of the Minister of Education for the year 1888, especially the recapitulation page 323. This shows the number of teachers with their names, in all the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools in the province of Ontario, and the colleges from which they graduated. Toronto University can claim the honor of having granted degrees to more than half of the whole number of Collegiate Institute masters and to more High School teachers than all the other colleges put together. Note the following table:

Universities.	Teachers in Collegiate Institutes.	Teachers in High Schools.	Grand Total.
Toronto,	84	95	179
Victoria,	16	30	46
Queen's,	11	19	30
Trinity,	1	10	11
Albert,	0	1	1
McGill,	1	0	1
Ottawa,	0	1	1
Glasgow, N. S.,	1	0	1
British,	0	4	4
Assistants/certificates	16	29	45
Provincial	29	74	103
Permits,	0	5	5
Total	159	268	427.

Let us turn to the principal Collegiate Institutes and High Schools of the province and ask ourselves the question: On the curricula of which college do the majority base their teaching? Any person conversant with the facts of the case will at once answer—Toronto. I know for my part I attended the St. Marys Collegiate Institute, when it ranked among the first of the province, and until shortly before I left I knew very little of any college except Toronto. At that time it was by many termed "the goddess university," a miserable and most contemptible misnomer. To which college do Woodstock College, Upper Canada College, Hamilton (with 16 teachers), St. Catharines, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Galt, Guelph, Chatham, Stratford, Stratford, etc., Collegiate Institutes send their best men? These schools merely act as tributaries of Toronto University. Will Mr. Lochhead answer *this* question or refute *this* statement? I refer to F. M. Wilson to speak for St. Catharines which sends out the best classical men in the province. With the above facts before us let us examine into the charges laid at our door. You say "I endeavored to prove the superiority of Toronto University over her rivals." If I failed in my endeavors last time, I have been more successful on this occasion. I gave the figures to the best of my knowledge last time I know give them from the reports of the Minister of Education which cannot be refuted as they have received the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Mr. Lochhead says "The writer states that the number of students in attendance at Toronto University almost equals the aggregate attendance of any other three Protestant Universities in Canada." *I flatly deny this.* I did not refer to Protestant Universities only, because ours includes a Catholic college. Nor did I say equals but exceeds, and say so still, taking his own figures for McGill at 850 and Toronto Arts (not even counting medicals, etc.) alone at 784 which was the number for 1888. I must again make clear the fact that the 400 I attributed to McGill was the number when compared on the same basis with Toronto at 1,000. He says "Again on consulting the prospectus of the School of Practical Science Toronto University, for 1889, I find the total number of students to be 69, not the 250 as stated." I stated 250 but should have stated 264, at least, as is shown by the report of the Minister of Education for 1888, page 308. Mr. Lochhead took into consideration only one department, namely, Civil Engineering, which had 68 students in 1889. He also says "I have not examined Victoria or Queen's calendars but think the figures to be underrated also." If I set what he thinks over against what the Kingston correspondent to the Toronto Mail knows, and not Victoria students report, I am not long in deciding on which to place dependence. I am not long in doubt. I may, at this juncture, state the trouble I took to-day in looking up lists, interviewing authorities, etc. I received THE BEE this morning and must confess, was rather "cut up" by the astounding statements made in Mr. Lochhead's letter, which, if they were not intended to mislead the public, certainly must have done so. I put the paper in my pocket and took it over with me to the Biological Department where I had some work to do. I there read the letter to the boys. They seemed rather amused. I afterwards consulted the registrar of Toronto University and afterwards called on Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, in his office at the Normal School. He gave me the report to which I have referred so frequently above. I also consulted Knox College students, students in the School of Practical Science, medical students, etc., in fact, spent all afternoon obtaining facts which will refute the statements made in THE BEE of Dec 5th. For facts of the case I should refer to the Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., pastor of the Presbyterian church, Woodstock; Rev. W. Harvey, B. A., pastor of the Methodist church, Guelph, both of whom are graduates of Toronto University. The former will know all about Knox College, and the latter

about the Arts department in late years. I also may refer to Edward Harvey and W. Elliot, for facts concerning the Medical college. *Yes!* surely! "my statements are incorrect" when taken from the authentic report of the Minister of Education. Although in the above I take Mr. Lochhead's statements about McGill I am a little doubtful as to their authenticity. Permit me now to make a short resume of this valuable report. On page 300 we find "The annual report of the University of Toronto 1888-9—"To His Honor the Honorable Alexander Campbell, K. C. M. G., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, visitor of the University of Toronto," and signed "William Mulock, Vice-Chancellor," from which my figures have been taken. Next on page 302 we find a report from Sir Daniel Wilson, L. L. D., F. R. G. E., President of the University, which contains a full list of professors, etc., which in number are as follows:—Faculty of Arts, Professors, 14; Lecturers, 9; Fellows, 8; Demonstrators, 1; total 32. Faculty of Medicine, Professors, 13; Lecturers, 4; Demonstrators, 4; Assistant Demonstrator, 5; Instructor, 1; total 32. Faculty of Law, Professors, 3; Honorary Lecturers, 9; total 12. Etc., etc. Can McGill show an equal to this? I think not. Next we find on page 307 "the annual report of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, 1889," to the Hon. G. W. Ross, M. P. P., Minister of Education, by J. Galbraith, Principal, Department of Engineering—68 students; Department of Analytical and Applied Chemistry, 4 students; Chemistry, 264 students; Mathematics and Physics, 63 students; Mineralogy and Geology, 86 students; Department of Assaying and Mining Geology, 30 students. On page 318 we find a list of the teachers in Collegiate Institutes and High Schools and the colleges from which they graduated, and on page 323 a recapitulation, from which I took my figures on this subject. I would like Mr. Lochhead or any other man to let me know where I could get more authentic figures. I wish my readers to distinctly understand that the figures with regard to Knox College, etc., (which I did not expressly state as taken from the printed report viz, the "blue books") to be merely an approximation, but this will not affect my case. In these figures I do not necessarily include those in actual attendance on lectures, but those who are undergraduates of Toronto University and who wrote on their examinations, and those who by their action in thus writing showed their desire to be graduates of Toronto University in preference to other institutions. I may state here we have men here from Ottawa and places in the immediate vicinity of Montreal, also men from Kingston and places near Cobourg, and these are most enthusiastic in their praises of their Alma Mater. I may also add that the "freshman" class of last year in the Medical Department was greater than that of McGill which was formerly considered the best medical college in Canada. I have heard nothing said of this year's class so that I can make no statement with regard to it. An incident which occurred a short time ago will show the number of Toronto University students. Remember Mr. Lochhead says there are 850 students in McGill. If he had been down at the Union Station the evening Prof. R. Ramsay Wright left for Germany and had a roll book in his hand he could have counted 600 students assembled there on that occasion to do honor to our professor, who, through the generosity of Mr. Mulock, was enabled to go to Berlin for the purpose of bringing back Dr. Koch's remedy for tuberculosis. I take the above figures from the Mail of Nov. 26th. I make this statement for fear Mr. Lochhead will accuse me of overrating. I was very much surprised Mr. Editor at seeing the word "correction" appear at the top of the local which contained Mr. Lochhead's phenomenal letter. On what authority did you call it a correction? This is a fair question. You say while you "believed the figures to have been incorrect you were not at the time in possession of the actual figures as they appear in the calendars of 1889? How many calendars have you seen on this subject? Another fair question. Any person who knows anything of University work is familiar with the fact that a college calendar or prospectus is the last place for an outsider to go in order to get intelligible information. This is shown from Mr. Lochhead's idea of the School of Practical Science—obtained from reading a prospectus—that this institution consisted of only 65 students. Tell one of the boys in the school that he would, figuratively speaking, knock you down. If you look back over your old Toronto dailies for the last month you will find a lengthy account of their dinner to which over 90 sat down. It is very difficult for me, who attend college every day, to arrive at a right conclusion as to the number of students in attendance, from a college calendar but it would be the height of presumption on my part to enter your sanctum and tell you that I knew as much as you about the "Newspaper Guide." You say, "However we would not wish to infer the writer wished to mislead the public in the matter." That contained the greatest sting of all; it was "the most unkindest cut of all." I must thank you Mr. Editor for that. There was one part of my last report left out which I wish inserted now that this article will appear above my own signature. Toronto University is the only college in Canada which can claim an equal standing with like institutions in Great Britain and the United States. I did not make this assertion on my own authority but on that of a great American newspaper which would not for such a trifle risk the besmiling of its record. I cut the article out at the time and if I can find it will send the same to you. This was made at the time of the fire last February. Another way of showing Toronto University's greatness and superiority over all other colleges in Canada is by comparing the positions occupied by their graduates. I will just name a few. Hon. Edward Blake,

Hon. S. H. Blake, Hon. Oliver Mowat, W. R. Meredith, John Hoskin, Joseph Blackstock, J. A. McLellan, John Scott, J. E. Hodgson, Alex. Marling, John Millar, William T. Aikens, John Henderson, J. E. Wetherell and many others too numerous to mention. Of course Mr. Lochhead may say that McGill students settle in Quebec province and we hear nothing of them in Ontario. True. But how many High Schools are there in Quebec compared with Ontario? How many of these get their assistants from Catholic Universities? Now in conclusion, I think I have proved to any unprejudiced mind, that the University of Toronto is the greatest Canadian seat of learning, that it overshadows more students (1,700) than the other three universities put together (1,500). Let us even deduct from this 1,700 more possible matriculation "plucks" than I have allowed for and greater possible inaccuracies in my calculations with respect to Knox College, etc., and I am still certain my foregoing statement will be correct. When Victoria College moves to Toronto and comes under the wing of our University, when all the able students from Methodist families all over the Province flock to Toronto what will be our dimensions then? Let each reader answer this question for himself. Before leaving the matter I would like to ask Mr. Lochhead another question: Can he remember any Natural Science graduate from McGill—let him even be the scholarship man—who got \$1,000 per annum as soon as he left college? One of our last year's class, who was not a scholarship man, got that salary as soon as he stepped out of college. McGill is a great university. Far be it from me to underrate its value. It has produced a large number of good men, among them Mr. Lochhead himself. It has splendid Medical and Practical Science courses. In my attempts to prove my case I may have been led to make what might appear, depreciating statements, but it was never my intention to belittle McGill or any other college, doing a noble work. It delights me to hear of McGill's successes. May I never become so narrow minded that I can see no good in a rival. Although I may have been somewhat sharp in my remarks concerning Mr. Lochhead's statements, I hold him in the highest esteem, and it will always give me the greatest pleasure to hear of his mounting high the ladder of fame. I have the utmost respect for him and have always taken special delight in his conversation when occasion made us companions. In conversation with Mr. Riddell, formerly mathematical master of Galt Collegiate Institute, not long ago, we spoke of Mr. Lochhead and he gave him the greatest praise for scholarship and teaching ability. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I thank you for the space you have given me, and will take this opportunity of publicly congratulating you on the great success attendant on your efforts to build up Atwood and its industries. You have undertaken a most commendable task and so far your efforts have been attended with the greatest success—which speaks well for the future. Newspaper editors have in their hands one of the greatest educative influences there are in the country and if used rightly will be productive of the greatest good. Although I was "put about" by the article which appeared in your last issue, as it was never my intention to injure anyone's feelings, still it does not warp my impressions with regard to THE BEE, which is the most interesting local paper I receive. Its typographical accuracy, freedom from gossip, extreme impartiality, all go to make up a clean sheet. My best wishes go with you in your praiseworthy efforts.

1, University College, Faculty of Arts, etc.; 2, Medical College, Faculty of Medicine; 3, Law Faculty; 4, Knox College; 5, Wycliffe College; 6, St. Michael's College; 7, Agricultural College; 8, Dental College; 9, Engineering Department of School of Practical Science; 10, College of Music; 12, Biological Department, special students; 13, Course provided for 1st A and 1st B students; 13, Special course for students in all colleges, departments, and sub-departments; 14, Ladies' Medical College. I have written the above in great haste and may have omitted things which should have been inserted and inserted others which should have been omitted. When the new college is erected, Convocation Hall and Library constituting a separate building, when new Wycliffe College, Victoria College, club house, skating rink, new chemistry and mineralogy building (which according to Dr. Pike's statement will give ample room for 150 students to work at the same time in his department alone), Medical College and hospital are built, which are either in course of erection or under consideration; when Knox College will erect a new building, when the Professoriate is increased. When all these buildings cluster around the main building in Queen's Park, what will our dimensions be?

NOTE BY EDITOR.—Yes, Mr. Knox, you can "arrive at a right conclusion" as to the number of students in attendance by consulting McGill or Toronto University calendars, and it matters not whether we have seen one or five hundred as regards their accuracy. The figures set forth in the calendars of McGill, Toronto, Queen's, or any other Canadian university, are quite as authentic and reliable as the Minister of Education's report. In fact, the calendar or prospectus is compiled for the benefit of those who wish to learn the actual standing of a university without having to wade through an exhaustive report. It is a summary of the college work for one year as set forth in the report, hence its reliability. We will give Mr. Lochhead an opportunity for reply, providing the same does not exceed two pages of foolscap written on one side, when this discussion will have closed.

\$1 SECURES THE BEE FROM NOW TO JAN 1, 1892.

Reform Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Elma Reform Association will be held in GRAHAM'S HOTEL, ATWOOD, ON SATURDAY, DEC. 27, At 2 o'clock p. m. A full attendance requested.
JAS. DICKSON, JR., Secretary.

Arts Student, University of Toronto.
P. S.—As I will not have time in future to spend over this matter I confined myself as closely as possible to the report of the Minister of Education so that there will be no occasion for my writing another letter unless I am forced to. The figures I have given speak for themselves. To the above names of graduates I might add those of William Hurston, Alfred Baker, D. R. Keyes, Thomas Kirkland, W. H. Ballard, A. B. Aylesworth, John Galbraith, Samuel Woods. Some may wonder why I mention Knox College, St. Michael's College, College of Music, &c., when speaking of the University of Toronto. There is very widespread ignorance on this question. The above mentioned are as much a part of the University of Toronto as University College itself. They are represented in the Senate by Rev. Principal Caven, Father Tugey, and Principal Torrington, respectively. All these colleges go to make up what is termed the University of Toronto, and to take away any one would be like removing a brick from the wall of a house. That is any student of the above colleges or departments may take any lectures from any of the University of Toronto's professors without extra fees but cannot from University College professors. A fact which I omitted in the body of the letter may be entered here in the post script. I have it on good authority that the Arts graduates of McGill number between 20 and 30 per annum, whilst those of Toronto are well up to, if not more than, 100, while its Arts matriculation class in '88 was 220. If an answer is made to this I wish the party who does so would stick to the main point, i. e. "the superiority of Toronto University over all others," and not quibble over side issues. I may have made slips and misstatements unwittingly in the above, concerning things which do not affect the question under consideration. I will not hold myself responsible for the exactness "to a decimal" of anything but the question at issue. I warn you against consulting a University College calendar for information respecting the University of Toronto because it is only one part, the same as Knox College, &c. If you wish to find out the number of students you must take into consideration the following colleges, departments and sub-departments and consult the calendar or prospectus of each.

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